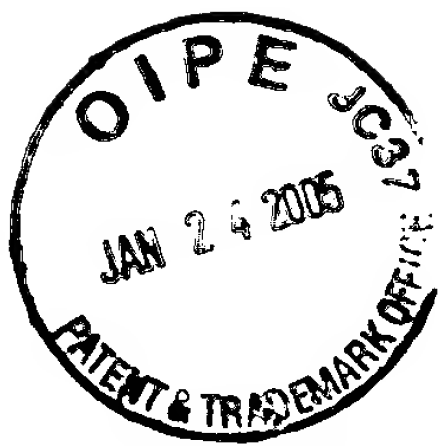


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Interview Summary

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Interview Summary of December 20, 2004, Applicant submits this Summary of Interview for recording in the official file. The interview was conducted via phone and attended by Examiner Corrigan and Rabinder N. Narula. No exhibit or demonstrations was shown. Claims 12, 19, 30 and 48 were discussed in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,797,363. Applicant agreed to amend Claims 12, 19, 30 and 48 as indicated in the Examiner's amendment dated December 25, 2004. The Examiner indicated that these amendments would place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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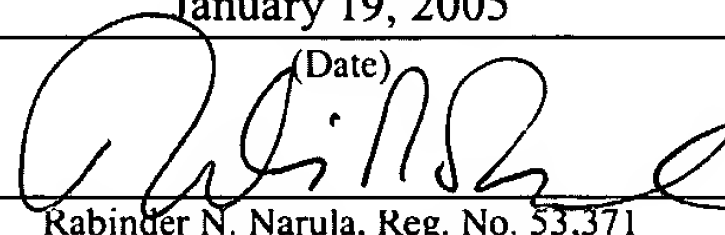
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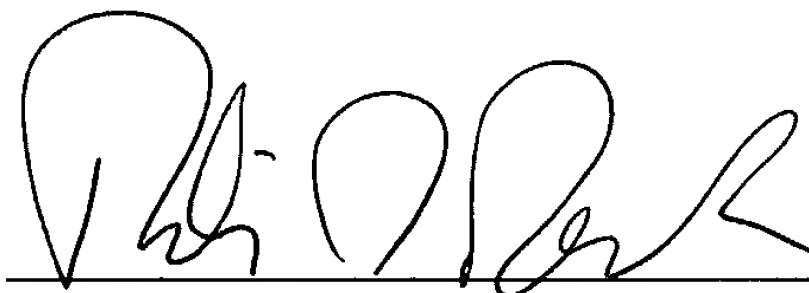
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